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FOR: EUR/NE-MR. ACHILLES

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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT BY HOUSING MINISTER GRUYTERS

REF: THE HAGUE 1725

- 1. THANK YOU FORYOUR HELP IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS IN REFTEL.
- 2. WE SPOKE MAY 5 WITH OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ABOUT POSSIBLE TRIP TO U.S. BY MINISTER GRUYTERS DURING FIRST HALF OF JUNE. ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOT KNOW DEFINITELY UNTIL ABOUT MAY 16 WHETHER HE WILL GO, IT IS DEFINITE THAT THREE OR FOUR OFFICIALS IN HIS MINISTRY WILL MAKE THE TRIP. PURPOSE OF OUR DISCUSSION WAS TO LEARN WHO AND WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SO THAT YOU COULD WORK WITH BUREAU OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS ON A PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF VISITS AND THEN BEGIN TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.
- 3. REASON FOR TRIP IS THAT DUTCH HOUSING MINISTRY IS DOING A STUDY OF MANPOWER DEMAND IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDISTRY. OFFICIALS AREVRIMARILY INTERESTED IN MEETING THOSE WHO PREPARE THE U.S. CONSTRUCTION MANPOWER DEMAND SYSTEM, THOSE WHO OPERATE IT AND THE POLICY MAKERS WHO USE IT. IN ADDITION,, THEY WISH TO VISIT RELATED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (FEDERAL, UNCLASSIFIED

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STATE AND LOCAL), TRADE UNIONS, EMPLOYERS (PROJECT DEVELOPERS) AND ANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT COORDINATE SUCH GROUPS, AS WELL AS TRAVEL TO SOME PROJECTS (NEW TOWNS, URBAN RENEWAL SITES, PRODUCERS OF PREFABRICATED AND MODULAR HOUSING). WE SUGGEST VISITS TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, LABOR AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENTS, PLUS FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES, CONGRESS,

LABOR UNIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

4. OFFICIALS WILL HAVE BETWEEN 10 AND 14 DAYS. THEY WANT TO MAKE VISIT A WORKING ONE WITH MINIMUM OF SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS. THEY PROPOSE TO DEVOTE TWO-THIRDS OF TIME TO DISCUSSION OF GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY PROGRAMS AND ONE-THIRD TO ON-SITE VISITS. GIVEN LIMITED NUMBER OF DAYS AVAILABLE, WE SUGGEST THAT ANY TRIPS OUTSIDE WASHINGTON BE RESTRICTED TO EASTERN U.S.

5. THE DUTCH GOVERNMENTWILL PAY ALL EXPENSES, BUT OFFICIALS ASK IF STATE DEPARTMENT COULD HELP MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS WHEN PLANS ARE KNOWN. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BROWN

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